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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Doubtful and over taxes on Collector Hancock's books for the years 1868–69,	$196.16
Doubtful taxes on Collector Brown's books for the years 1866–67,	241.13
Doubtful taxes on Collector Clough's book for the year 1870.	118.05
	$555.34
Whole amount paid out by the Treasurer,	$28,453.13
" received by the Treasurer.	28,033.81
Due Treasurer,	$419.32

RECEIPTS.

Received of H. L. Clough, on note,	$100.00
of Collector Hancock,	2,331.58
on note of Chellis Sargent,	379.96
True K. Mason,	125.00
David A. Morrill,	525.00
S. M. Clifford,	50.00
Lowell T. Mason,	80.00
Sarah Hancock,	200.00
Daniel M. Ingalls,	100.00
Freeman Webster,	709.26
Charles D. Glitten,	600.00
James S. Elkins,	700.00
John Lake,	225.00
E. M. P. Wiggin,	100.00
Helen E. Plummer,	1,406.60
Marcia E. Forrest,	174.22
John E. Forrest,	907.63
H. C. Brown,	200.00
Lowell Beck,	160.00

Received on note of Sarah Kiniston,	$18.00
Phebe S. Cofran,	150.00
Charles Jones,	1,942.00
Collector Lyford,	4,261.29
T. K. Mason,	375.00
S. G. and Eliza Randall,	1,962.00
James Dodge,	1,000.00
Wm. H. Moore,	175.00
Adeline Pallett,	318.00
J. C. Wyatt,	283.75
Received of the city of Concord,	200.00
of Sarah Kiniston,	126.58
on note of Ann E. Ingalls,	50.00
Mehitable Grover,	40.00
Hiram Miles,	100.00
Sarah J. Miles,	30.00
of city of Concord, for monument on town line,	2.00
on note of Melinda B. Hoag,	431.62
Charles N. Clough,	100.00
Samuel Wyatt,	50.00
Rachael Wyatt,	390.50
Howard Moody, tax for 1870,	17.25
cash collected by town Treasurer,	743.41
dog tax of T. L. Whidden,	2.00
of State Treasurer,	642.60
on note of Lydia Brown,	450.00
Mary J. Randall,	41.85
of Merrimack county, pauper bill,	275.29
for old bridge plank,	5.00
of Collector Clough,	4,776.42
	$28,033.81

EXPENDITURES.

Notes Paid.

Paid Chellis Sargent, on note,	$379.96
E. A. M. Hill, "	212.39
David A. Morrill, by new note,	425.00
James S. Kaime, "	30.00
Jedediah Sanders, "	202.40
Freeman Webster, "	709.26

Paid Abagail Garland, on note,	$400.00
Morrill Moore, "	68.31
William Jones, "	18.00
John Ingalls, "	289.10
Betsey McClintock, "	58.09
David A. Morrill, note an interest,	530.25
Ephraim Plummer, by new note,	1,406.60
Marcia E. Forrest, "	174.22
John E. Forrest, "	907.63
Mary Boise, note and interest,	103.90
Charles Jones, by new note,	1,936.93
James Peverly, back interest on note,	.73
Susan F. Cogswell, on note,	12.50
Jonathan Randall, by new note,	1,962.00
Mary J. Randall, "	41.85
Nancy Morrill, note and interest,	185.79
H. H. Clough, interest on note,	67.00
Freeman Webster, note and interest,	732.19
Adeline Pallett, by new note for N. Pallett's note,	318.00
J. C. Wyatt, by new note,	283.75
Sarah Keniston, "	111.68
Joseph Heath, note and interest,	288.20
Harriet C. Brown, "	530.69
Melinda B. Hoag, by new note,	431.62
Samuel Wyatt, "	67.02
Rachael Wyatt, "	390.50
M. C. Lyford, note and interest,	122.34
J. L. Clough, on Kezar note,	42.00
James Peverly, note and interest,	868.54
James Dodge, "	1,020.32
James McClintock, "	182.58
Lyman Brown, "	298.08
D. M. Clough, "	1,493.86
M. M. Moore, part of note,	24.11
H. H. Clough, three notes and interest,	1,156.65
James Kaime, note and interest,	528.37
Lydia French, "	432.09
	$19,444.77

Roads and Bridges.

Paid A. B. Boise, work on highway,	$35.10
Billey E. Pillsbury, work on highway,	12.00
A. S. Williams, work on highway,	2.40
E. L. Batchelder, work on highway,	22.00
Zebulon Smith, work on bridge,	1.50
Joseph Heath, work on highway,	6.50
James H. Herrick, highway money,	92.00
D. M. Foster, highway money,	72.14
Lowell Beck, highway money,	93.73
Samuel Morrill, highway money,	35.00
John Gilman, work on river and bridge,	9.50
John C. Currier, breaking roads,	2.00
B. B. Nudd, breaking roads,	2.00
David Morrill, highway money,	167.10
John F. Lake, highway money,	63.36
S. K. Boise, highway money,	7.50
B. B. Nudd, highway money,	11.25
George L. Boise, highway money,	9.00
J. C. Currier, highway money,	11.30
B. E. Pillsbury, work on river,	60.00
Samuel C. Pickard, work on bridge,	131.75
E. M. Evans, highway money for Dist. No. 6,	60.00
John Fletcher, for repairing bridge,	6.16
Jedediah Sanders, for stone and work on highway,	17.00
James Colby, for work on road,	13.50
Alvah H. Dearborn, for work on road,	4.90
Joseph Sanborn, work on highway,	3.50
Charles L. French, work on highway,	34.50
Joseph P. Dearborn, for bridge plank,	18.91
John Miles, work on bridge,	7.50
John S. Colby, work on road,	3.00
James S. Kaime, highway money,	109.12
D. M. Clough, road and river bill,	251.25
D. M. Clough, highway tax bill,	32.00
Albert Brown, for work on road,	11.50
J. & J. C. Gage, for bridge plank,	31.39
Town of Boscawen, for rubble,	80.01
John J. Bailey, for stone for bridge covering,	5.00
Charles H. Ayers, for work on road,	8.00
Lewis Colby, for work on bridge,	9.00

Paid David Morrill, for bridge plank,	$5.04
E. P. Carter, for work on road,	3.00
J. K. Hancock, for work on road,	7.50
C. N. Clough, for work on road,	4.50
T. L. Whidden, for work on bridge and river,	11.00
S. S. Davis, work on bridge and highway,	40.00
H. L. Clough, on bridge and river,	10.50
Edward Osgood, work on road and bridges,	119.00
A. B. Boise, for breaking roads,	6.00
J. S. Elkins, work on bridge,	5.00
J. S. Elkins, work on bridge stone,	6.00
	$1,770.91

School Money.

District No. 1, Paid Charles Smith,	$141.50
2, " Charles Peverly,	74.00
3, " Charles H. Colby,	77.30
4, " Charles Hancock,	108.26
5, " L. B. Foster,	76.90
6, " B. C. Osgood,	114.97
7, " S. C. Moore,	175.82
8, " James S. Kaime,	136.44
9, " S. S. Davis,	36.40
10, " S. C. Pickard,	69.80
11, " Thomas C. Mills,	41.49
12, " John Wheeler,	57.20
Paid school money to District No. 7, in Loudon,	9.75
	$1,119.83

Town Officers.

Paid Juliett E. Lyford, poundage on taxes collected by Moses C. Lyford,	$42.35
John J. Railey, services as town clerk,	26.00
J. K. Hancock, services as selectman, and expenses away from office,	42.00
S. S. Davis, services as selectman, and expenses away from office,	75.00
D. M. Clough, services as overseer of poor, including expenses,	33.25
D. M. Clough, as selectman,	120.75

Paid D. M. Clough, treasurer,	$30.00
" " board of selectmen,	42.00
" " expenses away from office,	18.15
" " poundage on collection of taxes,	154.95
Auditors,	6.00
	$590.45

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid M. M. Emery, tax on colt died,	$1.00
for town reports,	34.00
Charles Glines, for over tax in 1869,	1.00
B. O. Foster, over tax,	.80
J. Piper, damage to sleigh,	3.00
E. L. Batchelder, for rubble,	476.40
John Small, witness fee,	2.25
Lyman B. Foster, school house tax in District No. 5,	311.50
Charles Greenough, work on river,	4.00
J. R. C. Hoit, work on river,	25.27
John Miles, work on river,	7.50
S. M. Clifford, witness fee,	3.00
J. O. Sanborn, damage on sleigh,	5.00
J. W. Ham, services perambulating town line,	2.00
Thomas C. Mills, work on river,	4.50
Billey E. Pillsbury, for rubble,	127.62
on State tax,	1000.00
James Dodge, for work and rubble,	42.75
I. M. Locke, for over tax,	2.00
H. L. Clough, balance of school house tax in Dist. No. 10,	9.76
State tax,	1370.00
Jason R. C. Hoit, for snowing bridge,	6.00
David Morrill, for services as river committee,	2.00
C. & J. C. Gage, for over tax on lumber,	17.00
county tax,	1,164.50
Samuel A. Morrill, over tax,	10.00
" " for rubble,	53.26
John P. Kimball, for rubble,	221.18
Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	2.25
T. L. Whidden, for wood and taking care of town house,	4.00
T. L. Whidden, witness fee in Harper Morrill case,	4.95

Paid J. K. Hancock, non-resident highway receipts,	$37.46
John Batchelder, over tax,	10.00
T. L. Whidden, copying tax book,	2.00
E. Osgood, balance due for fencing cemetery,	39.43
H. L. Clough, time and expenses going to Warner to settle notes,	3.70
	$5,011.08

Recapitulation.

Notes paid,	$19,444.77
Roads and bridges,	1,770,91
School money,	1,119.83
Town officers,	590.45
Miscellaneous bills including state and county tax,	5,011.08
Pauper bills paid,	516.09
	$28,453.13

Financial Condition of the Town, March 1, 1871.

Note and interest.	Mittie Clough,	186.68
	John Glines,	129.46
	True K. Mason,	592.83
	Harriet C. Brown,	207.26
	Lowell T. Mason,	84.29
	Sarah Hancock,	264.98
	Fred W. Ingalls,	110.06
	Samuel M. Thompson,	919.00
	Jesse D. Sanborn,	1,916.84
	Melinda Hoag,	457.51
	Adeline Pallett,	323.56
	Mary W. Gile,	228.92
	William Jones,	325.66
	Mary Whitney,	1,008.98
	Eliza Randall,	38.12
	Joseph Ayers,	114.04
	Marcia E. Forrest,	180.66
	John E. Forrest,	941.21
	Helen E. Plummer,	1,464.26
	Polly Swasey,	1,699.40
	Lizzie C. Morse,	210.37
	Joseph C. Wyatt,	649.08
	Mary J. Randall,	42.80
	David Randall, Jr.,	

Note and interest.	Abagail Garland,	$299.33
	William H. Plummer,	282.80
	Franklin Kenison,	427.13
	Charles Jones,	2,000.26
	Chellis Sargent,	402.00
	Jonathan Randall,	2,011.38
	Rachael Wyatt,	391.50
	Samuel Wyatt,	50.14
	Hannah Choat,	179.48
	Henry L. Clough,	708.55
	Lydia Carter,	87.29
	Sarah E. York,	123.92
	Benj. Whidden,	77.03
	Mary C. Tallant,	126.88
	Frank A. Sanborn,	92.14
	Eliza M. P. Wiggin,	331.16
	Sarah Wiggin,	56.74
	Sally B. Sanborn,	273.02
	J. L. Clough, executor,	702.80
	Orianna Morrill,	45.24
	Sarah Kiniston,	128.07
	Hiram Miles,	378.00
	William H. Moore,	540.43
	M. M. Moore,	36.67
	Charles D. Glitten,	1,077.15
	S. S. Glitten,	164.26
	Charles W. Emery,	78.56
	Susan F. Cogswell,	423.50
	Charles L. French,	821.82
	Ella L. Carter,	26.97
	Mary A. Carter,	26.73
	Sarah J. Miles,	83.41
	J. S. Elkins,	5,566.50
	J. S. Elkins, Treasurer 1st F. W. B. Society,	1,002.60
	Lydia Brown,	450.00
	Ann E. Ingalls,	50.50
	Mehitabla Grover,	40.40
	Charles N. Clough,	101.27
	Phebe S. Cofran,	154.97
	John Lake,	235.00
	Daniel M. Ingalls,	105.20

Note and interest.	Solomon M. Clifford,	$52.75
	Betsey S. Morrill,	111.14
Amount of liabilities on notes,		$31.419.76
On outstanding bills,		100.00
		$31,519.76
Due town treasurer,		419.32
		$31,939.08
Due from Collector Brown,		$80.00
	Collector Hancock,	1,202.01
	Collector Clough,	2,481.55
	Zebulon Smith,	136.00
	Stephen Wiggin,	80.00
	Charles Smith,	120.00
		$4,099.56
Indebtedness of town, exclusive of Literary Fund,		$27,839.52
Amount of Literary Fund,		1,348.33

PAUPER REPORT.

Receipts.

Received of Merrimack County,	$275.29

Expenditures.

Paid for Hiram Kimball,	$17.90
Wid. Levi Bennett,	19.00
Joseph S. Heath,	76.00
J. T. Brown for grandchildren,	38.00
Sampson Battis,	7.00
William and Wid. Knowles,	27.39
Fanny Bailey,	21.47
Chas. H. Davis,	2.00
David Randall,	8.50
Gordon S. Ingalls,	111.00
Wid. John Shaw,	4.00

Paid for James Bland,	$73.25
Mary French,	110.58
	$516.09

D. M. CLOUGH,
S. S. DAVIS,
J. K. HANCOCK,
Selectmen of Canterbury.

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1871, have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

THOMAS L. WHIDDEN,
EDWARD OSGOOD,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1. (Blanchard.)

Only a verbal report was received from the local committee. Two weeks of the summer school were taught by Miss Courser, of Webster. She felt obliged to leave, and Miss Ella L. Hardy, of Contoocook, was employed to succeed her. For various reasons the summer school was not profitable. This will be inferred from the following, written by Miss Hardy in her Register: "Most of the term has passed very pleasantly. Some things have not been just as one would wish. The scholars are not ill-disposed, and they tried hard to learn. If the people in the district would overlook little difficulties, it would be far more beneficial for the welfare and education of their children, as well as for themselves. Due allowance can be made for the little extras. One dollar a week for the purpose of keeping children at home from school must eventually prove to the actors the truth of the adage, 'The biter got bit.' No school can prosper when there is so much hard feeling one toward another." The district, of course, will decide whether the teacher is reasonable in her statements. Nothing of the kind appears applicable to the winter term, which was under the instruction of Miss Emma A. Ford, of Concord. The district appeared to be well united in the support of her school, and the result was that it was in a high degree successful.

DISTRICT NO. 2. (Upper West Road.)

The summer term was taught by Miss Amelia F. White, of Fisherville. The committee visited the school at the commencement of the term, and found most of the scholars belonging to the district present. The order was good. The committee had notice by way of the scholars, on an evening, that arrangements were made to have the closing examination the next forenoon, and that the school was to continue three days afterward. The short notice and previous engagements prevented his being present. Who made the arrangements to have the examination

take place before the day the school was to close, is not known to the committee, but it is supposed that the teacher and pupils took the business into their own hands. The committee visited the school the day it closed. Six scholars were present, nearly all of them small. Some of them recited well. Parents neglected an important duty in letting their children leave so abruptly; also the scholars in remaining away. It is desirable that a better understanding should be had hereafter between the teachers and school officers. In order to have a good school it is the duty of the citizens to give a helping hand.

The winter term was taught by Miss Nellie M. Brown, of Fisherville. When the committee visited the school at the beginning of the term, ten scholars were present. Their order and appearance were good. When he made his visit at the close of the term, there were eleven scholars present. All the scholars of the district attended during the term, except one who belonged to the first class, and who was detained on account of sickness in the family. She was much missed in the class. The teacher took the classes separately in the different branches pursued, and went through them very thoroughly. The pupils, in answering the questions put to them, gave evidence that they understood what they had been studying. Owing to the lateness of the hour not so much time was spent with the Grammar and Arithmetic as was desirable. The teacher paid much attention to the primary classes, which are too often neglected. Composition, declamation and singing were very good. Most of the penmanship that was shown was very poor. Only five writing books were exhibited; there should have been twelve. During the exercises the order was good, and the scholars appeared well. There were no cases of corporal punishment during the term, neither did the pupils make use of disrespectful language to the teacher. This appears well for both teacher and scholar. This was Miss Brown's first term of teaching, and she succeeded well. She possesses a natural gift for the business, and the public need her services in the common schools.

DISTRICT NO. 3. (Borough.)

At the opening examination of this school it was noticed that nearly all the scholars were easily bewildered by being asked a few common-place questions in regard to their studies. This is doubtless partly owing to the disadvantage of having but one term of school a year. The teacher, Miss Mary H. Foster, showed great interest in trying to advance her scholars. The

order was very good. The closing examination passed off much better than could have been expected, considering that a break had been made in the school a week or two before by the misbehavior of one scholar, and his withdrawal. The school is so small that we cannot reasonably expect so much interest as in larger schools, but there seemed to be no *general* lack of interest during this term, and the progress made was beyond reasonable expectation. The teacher and pupils met with encouragement at home in *most* cases, and the result is satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 4. (Baptist.)

The summer term was taught by Miss Anna M. Wheeler, of Loudon, who was a firm, energetic and thorough teacher. The result was a successful term. Miss W. says in her Register: "Nothing unpleasant has occurred. There has been no instance of corporal punishment. One scholar, James Marsh, had no mark against his name during the term. Four others had each but a single mark. The prize was awarded to Annie L. Lovering, for the greatest improvement in her studies. She had only one imperfect lesson during the term."

The winter term was taught by Miss M. E. Ayres, of this town, who exhibited rare teaching qualities, combined with a good education and a native perseverance. She has proved herself a good teacher. The school made all the progress we could expect. There was a good interest manifested. Composition and declamation were well taught both terms. Writing was too much neglected. We feel that we have been very fortunate in our teachers the present year.

DISTRICT NO. 5. (Hackleborough.)

Both terms of this school were profitable. The teacher was Miss Martha J. Foster. Good progress appeared to be made in all the branches pursued. The order was not so good as desirable, but it was above the average. The school has long been distinguished for its good manners and general deportment, and any imperfection in this particular is consequently the more noticeable. Miss Foster is rather too easy in her government. She governs through the great law of kindness and love, but this, in the case of every teacher, should be tempered with great firmness. The closing examinations were made very interesting, and they were witnessed by a good number of visitors. The recitations in the common branches of study were agreeably interspersed with rhetorical exercises, and these were gen-

erally of a high order of merit. Good taste was shown by the teacher and scholars, particularly in the winter, in making selections for declamation and dialogue. Teachers generally should have carefal regard to this. The pieces selected ought to be those worth remembering. The sentiment they contain should be elevating and ennobling. Attention was given to map-drawing, and some of the scholars have become quite proficient in the art. The superior value of this method of teaching Geography is admitted by every good teacher who has given it a trial. It should be adopted in every school in our town. In the important branch of spelling the exercises were written to a considerable extent. This is a great improvement on the old method of oral instruction. One great advantage in it is the practice the scholar has in penmanship at the same time he learning to spell.

DISTRICT NO. 6. (Hill's Corner.)

The summer term was taught by Miss Louise A. Eaton. It was a first class school. Miss Eaton is a model teacher. The order was everything that could be desired. The scholars made good progress and they were thorough. The teacher in the winter was Miss Mattie S. Wallace, of Tilton. Miss Wallace labored hard for the school, but she did not have it under thorough control. Her teaching was very practical. She illustrated a great deal upon the blackboard. The map drawing was very good; also the reading, spelling, and recitations generally.

DISTRICT NO. 7. (Centre.)

The summer term was under the instruction of Miss Sarah H. Fifield, of East Concord. During our visits we were generally well pleased with the appearance of the school, so far as order was concerned. Some idleness was manifest, but this had been a general characteristic of the scholars in this district. On account of the poor success of the school the previous term, the teacher was placed in a more delicate and responsible position than she otherwise would have been. Many of the parents, too, in the district do not co-operate with teachers as they should do, but are in the habit of condemning them without even visiting the school once during the term; but, taking all things into consideration, the improvment was good, and the order was the best we ever saw in the school. Miss Fifield, although well educated, is young, with but little experience as a teacher.

She will make one of our best teachers, if not one already. We copy as follows from her Register: "The school, as a general thing, has exceeded the teacher's expectation, both in deportment and scholarship, but more especially in deportment. If the scholars had been more punctual in their attendance, more advancement might have been made in some of the studies. The teacher needs the parent's hearty co-operation in this matter. The parent should have the good of his child so much in view, that on no account should he be detained at home during the session of the school; and particular care should be taken that the child may be at school *in season*. The district has taken a very commendable interest in education. We hope it will continue to increase until the school shall attain the highest standard."

Miss Anna M. French, of Boscawen, who taught the winter term, is a teacher of large experience, and one who succeeds in getting her scholars interested in their studies; and the larger portion of the school made good improvement. A few were idle and careless, and from such we can expect but little progress. The order was not as good as it should have been, but on the whole, we think the school was as profitable as the summer term. Miss French not only made herself popular with the pupils, but with their parents also, which we deem very important for any teacher to do, if it is not done at the expense of good order.

DISTRICT NO. 8. (Shakers.)

Summer term, Asenath C. Stickney, teacher. It is with pleasure that we speak kindlyof this school. The extended experience of the teacher, and her devoted interest for the good of her pupils, could not otherwise than warrant favorable results. Most of the lessons in Geography were recited in connection with several maps that the pupils had drawn on the blackboard with colored crayons. The writing books were neat, and showed the care exercised in that department. With our statement concerning the reading, we have that of Mrs. H. M. Miller, the elocutionist—who visited the school—that the exercises were superior.

Winter term, Eliza A. Stratton, teacher. The wide margin, that is usually accorded to young and inexperienced teachers, might be used here if necessary; but the best of order was maintained by the ruling power of kind words, and a lively interest throughout the whole term was manifested by both teacher and pupils, while a thorough understanding of every study

was demanded. Passing the other branches for want of space, we must bear note of the decided improvement in spelling. The care exercised in the division of words into syllables, with the correct and distinct prounnciation of each, was, indeed, very satisfactory. The teacher well deserves our every word of commendation.

DISTRICT NO. 9. (Ingalls.)

No report has been received from the examining committee of this district. This and the Pearl district, of Loudon, have formed a permanent union, and no doubt advantageously. It is reported that a new school-house is to be erected the present year, under the new arrangement.

DISTRICT NO. 10. (Depot.)

This district had two terms, of eight weeks each. The first term was taught by Miss Susan W. Moore, of Boscawen. She is an experienced teacher, and has given good satisfaction wherever she has taught. The district was very fortunate in its selection, as Miss Moore did all that a teacher could to advance her scholars, both in their various branches of study and their moral deportment. Her school may well be called a success, as good progress was made. The second term was taught by Miss Annie E. Seavey, of Boscawen. This was her first school, and it was not expected she would do as well as an experienced teacher, but in this we were happily disappointed. There are but few who could have done better. Her government was good, and her school, though very small, made good improvement. It is to be hoped Miss Seavey will continue to teach, as more such teachers are needed.

DISTRICT NO. 11. (Upper Intervale.)

No report has been received from the examining committee. Both terms were taught by Miss Jennie E. Morse, of North Boscawen. In her Register of the summer term she writes the following: "This being my first term of teaching, I have had much better success than I expected. I have labored hard for the improvement of my scholars, and they have made good progress in their studies. I have tried to do my duty by each one, and hope I have in some degree succeeded." She writes as follows of the winter school: "In this, my second term, I have succeeded very well, considering that I had some scholars that knew not what belonged to good behavior in school. I

have tried to do my duty by each one; have labored hard for their advancement in their studies. If I have not had as good success as some, it is not because I have made no efforts to succeed." Miss Morse should have the credit of filling out her Register in good style—a thing some of the teachers are not careful to do.

DISTRICT NO. 12. (CARTER.)

This school has had but one term, taught in the winter by Mr. John M. Moses, of East Concord. Mr. M. is well educated, keeps good order, and is untiring in his efforts for the advancement of his scholars. We think a little more discretion in the infliction of punishment would have been conducive to his happiness and the welfare of his school. Most of the scholars made good improvement, while others were careless and inconstant in their attendance. On account of ill-health and of *having no boarding place*, Mr. Moses was obliged to close his school a week earlier than he intended.

It will be seen by the foregoing reports that our schools have passed through another year with a good degree of success. On the whole, we have had an able corps of teachers. There is some evidence throughout the town of an increasing interest in education. Some of the districts appear to have formed a decided determination to employ good teachers, if it is possible to obtain them by the payment of good wages. The opinion is becoming more general that it is far better to expend the school money for a short term of good school, than for a long one of ordinary character. More care is therefore exercised in the election of Prudential Committees.

Apparently there is some excuse in a few of the districts, for employing cheap teachers. This is owing to the small amount of school money and the fewness of the scholars. The true policy, however, is to expend what money there is for a good teacher—one who has the ability to interest a few scholars as well as a larger number. A teacher who cannot make a small school interesting and profitable, would make a very poor show in a large one. A good teacher does very much more work for each pupil in a small school, than he can possibly do in a large one. There are, however, unquestionably too many districts in town, not for the extent of territory, but for the number of scholars. Some of the districts would do well to form a union. No. 9 has done so the past year with the adjoining district in

Loudon. Nos. 10 and 11 could unite to good advantage ; also, Nos. 2 and 12. No. 3 could profitably join No. 7. The chief objection to these unions is, the greater distance many of the scholars would have to travel, but this would be more than counterbalanced by having longer and better terms of school.

The citizens of No. 5 have done a good work the past year in rebuilding their school-house, at a liberal expense. They have had regard to durability, beauty, and convenience, and the building is an ornament to the town as well as the district. The district is fortunate, too, in having had a handsome donation of money from a former teacher in the school, to be expended in the purchase of apparatus for the school-room. Every good teacher knows the real value of a good supply of materials for practical illustration. All the schools in town, except No. 8, are destitute of even a globe. Could this not be easily obtained in most of the districts by subscription? Only two districts are able to report any books of reference. Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, for instance, ought to be considered almost indispensable in a school-room, and it should be found on every teacher's desk. Districts would do well to provide some means to obtain it. The expense would be but trifling in comparison to the value it would be to the school.

The committee have done something the past two years to bring about a uniformity of text-books. We have in use now, but one author on Geography, and but one on Arithmetic. It was but a little expense for each scholar to make the change, but it is only trifling in comparison to the real benefit derived. The number of the classes in these branches in some of the schools have been reduced thereby, one half, thus saving a great amount of the valuable time of the teacher. The new books, too, have displaced old ones that are entirely out of date. There can be no reason for a change again for five years, at least. When uniformity in any branch is once established, as in case of the Geographies and Arithmetics, it is the duty of the committee to see that it remains ever afterward.

Some fault is found with the present supervision of our schools. It *is not* just what it ought to be. The board of committee is too large to work in all cases to good practical advantage. Some of the schools are not examined as thoroughly as they ought to be. In one district the teacher reports that the school was not visited at all by the committee during both terms. In another, the summer term was not visited. In two or three others only one visit was made during each term, while the law

requires two, at least. So long as the present arrangement continues, and a person accepts office under it, it is his duty to fill the requirements of the law, the same as if he was paid for his services. It is thought advisable to suggest that the board of committee be reduced one half, so that each member may have two schools to visit, instead of one. Most persons who feel interest enough in the cause to examine one school without pay, would do double the work just as willingly. It may be thought better to return to the old method of having the board consist of three members, by making a proviso that the expense to the town shall not exceed a certain sum, say fifty dollars. These suggestions are merely thrown out to excite thought about the matter, as it is important that our schools should have the very best of supervision.

LYMAN B. FOSTER,

Chairman of School Committee.

Canterbury, March 1, 1871.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Neither absent nor tardy during Summer Term.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Alfred Lake,
Anna O. McClintock,
Emma C. Randall.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

James W. Marsh.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Mary E. Smith,
Etta Lawrence,
Belle Robertson,
Alvin N. Pickard.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Estelle Lyford,
Marrion E. Lyford,
Amanda Lyford,
Clara K. Lyford,
Nellie M. Brown,
J. Adson Osgood,
Horace W. Hancock,
Amos C. Lyford.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Willie S. Moore,
Annie S. Gale,
Minnie F. Gale.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Ida Sullivan.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Arthur Pickard.
Clara Pickard.

Neither absent nor tardy during Winter Term.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Nellie E. Blanchard.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Alfred Lake,
Myra Ayres,
Lettie Horn.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Rose M. Colby.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Iva M. Fletcher,
Flora B. Davis,
Albert Fletcher.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Mary E. Smith,
Belle Robertson,
George A. Pickard,
Linnars D. Small,
Charles F. Jones,
Alvin N. Pickard,
John J. Welch,
Robert J. Smith,
Seth W. Jones.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Helen L. Pearson,
Clara K. Lyford,
Fred W. Ingalls.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Anna G. Gale,
Willie S. Moore.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

William Norris,
Henry Mills,
Melvin Simmons,
Charles Lowe,
Lemuel Caswell,
Leslie Brown,
Eldoun J. Chase,
Albert Lewis,
Abraham Caswell,
Walter S. Willson.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Clara Pickard.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Addie M. Heath.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of District.	Summer and Winter.	Names of Teachers.	Wages of Teacher per month, including board.	Weeks of school.	Number of scholars.	Average attendance.	Instances of tardiness.	Number in Reading and Spelling.	Number in Arithmetic.	Number in Geography.	Number in Grammar.	Number in Penmanship.	Number in Physiology.	Number in Book-keeping.	Number in United States History.	Number in Algebra.	Number in Composition.
1	Sum.	Ella L. Hardy	25.00	7½	12	9	26	12	7	5	1	4					
	Win.	Emma A. Ford	26.00	10	19	16	25	19	16	6	8	17	..	..	..	2	8
2	Sum.	Amelia F. White	18.00	6	16	12	21	16	11	7	4	9	..	..	..	..	3
	Win.	Nellie M. Brown	20.20	8	14	11	6	14	12	6	3	12	..	..	..	..	1
3	Win.	Mary H. Foster	22.40	11	3-5	10	8	32	10	9	3	2	9	..	2	..	3
4	Sum.	Annie M. Wheeler	19.00	10	19	14	3-5	17	19	3	3	6	12				
	Win.	Martha E. Ayers	30.00	10	29	25		54	29	23	12	5	22	..	..	2	2	11
5	Sum.	Martha J. Foster	17.00	9	20	18	1-2	17	20	12	11	4	12	..	..	..	..	4
	Win.	Martha J. Foster	24.00	8	20	19	7-9	17	20	16	7	7	15	..	..	..	..	7
6	Sum.	Louise A. Eaton	26.00	6	34	31		63	34	23	12	7	32	..	..	4	..	7
	Win.	Mattie S. Wallace	28.00	10	31	28		118	31	18	9	8	16	..	..	3	1	7
7	Sum.	Sarah H. Fifield	23.00	12	28	22	1-2	57	28	15	15	3	18	1	..	..	1	3
	Win.	Anna M. French	33 00	12	33	27		132	33	25	24	5	25	..	..	..	1	7
8	Sum.	Asenath C. Stickney	.....	14	26	22	3-5	...	26	24	24	16	26	8	..	..	..	24
	Win.	Eliza A. Stratton	.....	13	19	18	2-5	...	19	15	12	10	18	7	..	..	..	18
9	Win.	Mary E. Whittemore	18.00	9	7	6	3-7	5	7									
10	Sum.	Susan W. Moore	18.00	8	14	10	3-4	10	14	10	5	2	6	..	..	..	..	2
	Win.	Annie E. Seavey	16.00	8	5	5		14	5	3	1	2	3	..	1	1	..	2
11	Sum.	Jennie E. Morse	11.00	5	10	9	1-4	25	10	6	5	2	5					
	Win.	Jennie E. Morse	11.60	9	13	12	2-5	51	13	8	5	2	7	..	..	..	..	2
12	Win.	John M. Moses	26.20	11	21	18	1-5	417	21	21	11	6	19	1	6	1	..	6